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Bamboo: Useful and Beautiful

by Robert H. Moulton

GROVE IN GEORGIA
AN OBJECT LESSON
TO THE SOUTH



A SINGLE stalk of bamboo with its feathery foliage can scarcely bear comparison with the spreading elm or the sturdy oak. Yet we must remember that the bamboo is a huge grass, and that the grasses work for us not by single plants, but in armies. A single stalk of grass will not go far to cover the bareness of an unplanted home plot; but with thousands of its fellows it may make up a green lawn—one of the most beautiful and useful things in the plant world. It is as a plantation, among those giant stalks we and our children may run like ants or crickets in the tall grass, that the bamboo will become useful in our door yards.

Confirmation of this is offered by a bamboo grove owned by a Savannah, Ga., man. While traveling in Japan in 1902 he became interested in the possibilities of the cultivation of the Japanese bamboo in America. Plants were brought back to this country and planted, and the result in a few years was a luxuriant grove, said to be the only one in this country. The bamboo has been used for decorative effects in landscape gardening in the United States.

A bamboo grove is strangely different—unusually so—from any other growth of trees in the world. The dense, deciduous tropical forests of Java and Sumatra, the evergreen fir and spruce forests of Canada, the eucalyptus-covered plains of Australia, the rainy region jungles of Brazil, the date-palm groves of Egypt and the fern-tree forests of Hawaii, are all different from one another, but they have this in common—the trees have trunks, and above them are the spreading branches or branchlike leaves. They agree in a general way with one's conventional idea of a tree.

A bamboo grove, however, is a different thing entirely. The bamboo is a giant grass. Like a grass, it forms a mat or sod of roots, which completely fill the ground. Like grass, this sod in the spring sends up everywhere new young shoots which instead of starting out as miniature forms of the trees they are to become—growing slowly larger with each passing year—come up full-sized through the ground, and they come up with a rush, raising the soil and cracking it as a mole does. Often four inches in diameter, these shoot skyward at the rate of a foot a day, until they stand towering above you 50 or 60 feet in the air.

Put your hand on one of these new shoots, green as an asparagus shoot. If you shake it, the top will snap off and fall down on your head, so soft and brittle does it remain until it has reached its full height and spread out its delicate branches of thin, green leaves.

On all sides, so close that you can just walk between them, rise these giant green canes, branchless for 20 or 30 feet. At every foot or two there occurs a joint, like the joints of a tall grass. Like the grass, the lengths between the joints—the internodes—are hollow. Each incloses a dead air-space, so completely shutting it in that, if you heat the air by throwing a cane into the fire, it will explode with a loud report.

The charm of a bamboo grove lies in the friendly mystery of its shade, with the green sunlight flickering through the thin plumes of leaves on to the soft mat of yellow dead leaves below. You wander through such a grove, feeling that you have never seen anything like it before, and the quiet, fairy-like charm of it remains

with you long after you have gone away.

As a landscape unit alone, therefore, a grove of bamboos is worthy of the widest popularity, and parks and open places through the South should plant them. It is difficult to imagine a more wonderful place for little children to play in than a bamboo grove.

But there are other and more practical reasons for the distribution of the bamboo throughout the South. Its young shoots furnish one of the most delicious of early vegetables. Properly cooked, it has a freshness and flavor somewhat like sweet corn, but its texture is firmer. It comes into the market in April and should quickly win its proper place on the American menu, where vegetables are always a desideratum.

To speak of the timber uses of the bamboo is a good deal like speaking of the timber uses of the pine, except that the qualities of the two are entirely distinct. The peculiar properties of the bamboo come from the fact that the trunks are composed of short, hollow cylinders, making them the lightest timbers for their strength of any known.

The fibers run from end to end, making it possible to split a bamboo pole into strands or strips more easily than any other wood. These fibers are among the strongest, most elastic known, and it is the bewilderment of occidentals visiting Japan to see how many are the uses of this peculiar timber.

For ladders, their lightness and strength render the poles remarkably well adapted; there are no fruit-picking ladders which compare with them.

For fishing poles, the small canes are imported by the millions from Japan and scattered by jobbers all over the country so that every boy can have one. Split bamboo fishing rods, of which we use \$5,000,000 worth every year, are made from the outer layers of wood of the best canes.

What baskets can compare in their variety and delicacy of construction with the bamboo baskets of Japan!

For watering pipes for small gardens they will have the same use in America that they have in Japan, the joints being broken out with a long iron rod.

Our best flower stakes are bamboo. Bamboo bean poles cannot be excelled, and for light arbors, fences, trellises, vine stakes, penholders, pipe stems, kindling wood, spraying-nozzle holders, and many kinds of tool handles, they

find a wide use in all parts of the East.

Any one who has used a bamboo-handled broom will appreciate its lightness and the smooth finish to its surface, while the split strands of bamboo are so stiff and elastic that they have been used most successfully in broom making—they may even compete with the broom-corn straw for broom manufacture.

Who knows but that the paper supply of the future may come largely from bamboo. Paper is made from the young stems in both the East and West Indies and in China.

It seems as if a bamboo could be found for many kinds of climates. The bamboo is found in India, China, Japan and in Africa and tropical America. There are about 200 varieties. Many species do well in English gardens. The extensive canebreaks of southern United States are a kind of native bamboo—*Arundinaria Macrocarpa*. In short, it will apparently grow freely anywhere in tropical and subtropical climates.

Every angler with any pride in his tackle has a split-bamboo rod. It makes no difference whether he is a fly-caster or a bait-caster. If he is both, he has two split-bamboo rods. The bamboo is imported and the rods are made in this country. At rod making the American leads the world. It would be no small matter if the bamboo for these millions of rods were grown in this country.

While these are a few of the obvious uses which will probably be first investigated by Americans, it is inconceivable that the ingenuity of the American will not find new uses for so unique a raw product as the bamboo. The grove at Savannah may play a most important role in the education of the people of this continent in the uses and beauty of this remarkable plant.

Surely, with the increasing depletion of our forests and the exceedingly high cost of lumber and timber in many places where the local supply has been exhausted, the possibilities of the bamboo are well worth thorough investigation. Doubtless it may not be as good as our natural woods, but it is likely that it can be used as a fairly satisfactory substitute.

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